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434 MAIN STREET
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private.

434 MAIN STREET is a traditional house of the late nineteenth century, related to several others in Reisterstown, particularly in its immediate neighborhood, their simple designs recalling houses half a century older. This example is one of the larger ones, five bays in length, with two rooms facing the street.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

434 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Brightwell-Troxell, Inc.

Telephone #: 833-4695

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21136

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 1951

Folio #: 183

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

434 Main Street is a two story frame house, five bays in length, facing the street to the east, with a two story frame rear wing, two bays in length, extending behind the northerly end. This traditional house dates from ca. 1875-1890.

A one story porch with a hipped roof extends across the street facade; it has a modern balustrade above its eave. Exterior walls are covered with asbestos shingles and the gabled roof extends beyond them with wide plain eave and rake overhangs. Single flue chimneys rise internally above each gable; the rear wing chimney has been removed. Windows are 2/2, flanked with louvred blinds. The principal entrance is centered in the east or street-front facade and it opens into a central hall containing an open stair to the second floor; a single room is on either side and one room is in the wing. Both floor plans are identical.

The moulded rail of the staircase is supported by a massive turned newel with a large ball finial, and turned balusters. Typical four-panel doors have shallow raises and shallow ogee integral mouldings; trim is plain.

The circular sawn rafters are mitered at the ridge. A cellar extends beneath the entire house, wholly or partially dug later, largely with poured concrete internal walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On March 10, 1865, John Dean, son-in-law of John Beckley, Jr., purchased this property from Beckley for \$100.00 (JHL 44/469). Dean was the Rev. Mr. Dean, a Methodist minister. He taught at the Academy in Reisterstown and also had an interest in a retail store. He eventually inherited and lived in the Beckley House (#202) (Marks op. cit., p. 68). Dean purchased a little over fifteen acres in 1865 for \$100.00, so it is probable that the land was unimproved at this time. The Deans eventually leased the ground to Thomas Frazier in 1879 - a 99 year lease with a yearly rent of \$18.00 (JB 113/103). Even though the lease mentioned improvements, whether this house was built at this time is doubtful. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County shows no building on this site.

Frazier eventually improved his property. When he sold the land to the Franklin Permanent Building Association of Baltimore County in 1891 for \$500.00, the deed mentions improvements (JWS 185/181).

Subsequent ownership of the property was as follows:

Franklin Permanent Building Association to Wadsworth Nash and wife (LMB 211/328) in 1895.

Wadsworth Nash and wife to Alma Speakman Nash of Philadelphia (WPC 408/562) in 1913.

Haywood Nash and Alma Nash to Henry Johnson of Philadelphia (WPC 490/57) in 1917.

Henry Johnson and wife Annie to Mano Swartz in 1918 (WPC 489/537).

Mano Swartz to Warfield Pierce (WPC 500/222) in 1918.

Warfield Pierce to Robert Durham (WPC 587/214) in 1924.

Robert Durham to James Blockstone (TBS 1656/161) in 1948.

Viola Blockstone, widow, to Clarence Wolf and wife in 1951 (1951/183).

The current owner bought the house in 1977.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Maryland
 Marks, Lillian B. Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

James T. Wollon, A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vincent

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

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430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown

STATE

Maryland 21136

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